

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 582

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lauren Barber of Murfreesboro on being elected Governor of Volunteer Girls State.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those young people of this State who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to personal excellence, have distinguished themselves among their peers; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Barber of Murfreesboro is one such exceptional young lady who was recently elected Governor of the 2007 Volunteer Girls State Convention sponsored by the American Legion at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, through her selection by her peers for this outstanding honor, Ms. Barber has demonstrated an outstanding personal achievement, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest youth in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, one of only two girls selected by the staff of Volunteer Girls State to represent Tennessee as senators at Girls Nation in Washington, D. C., later this year Lauren will have the opportunity to tour Washington, meet with state politicians, and participate in a question and answer session with President Bush; and

WHEREAS, a student at Blackman High School, Lauren is Drum Major for the Blackman Band, president of the Key Club, and a member of the Renaissance Club, Latin Club, Delta Beta Sigma, the National Honor Society, and the Jazz Band; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, she has received numerous awards, including being named the most outstanding student in English, Jazz, and Advanced Placement English, along with the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Lauren Barber has been accepted to Youth Leadership Rutherford and completed over eighty hours of community service with the

Salvation Army, the Children's Miracle Network, UNICEF, and the American Heart Association;
and

WHEREAS, Lauren has been accepted to participate in the Governors School for the Arts later this year, and she has the admirable goal of attending college to study architecture and obtain her doctorate in the field; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's successful race for the highest office at Girls State and her ability and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Barber's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Lauren Barber of Murfreesboro upon being elected governor of Volunteer Girls State for 2007 and offer her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.